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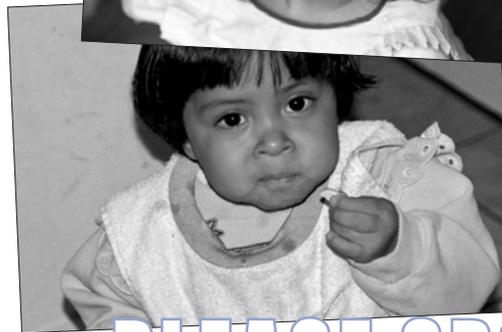
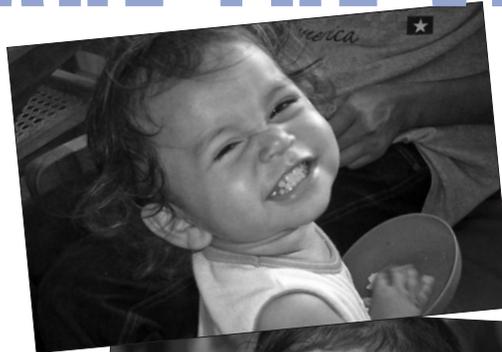
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## SHARE THE VISION

**H**ave you ever thought that you would love to donate at least \$360 per year to sponsor a child at ICC, but you just don't have the extra money right now to do that? I have had numerous people tell me this story. Well, there is a way to do that without costing you a penny out of your pocket.

You can recommend someone for ICC to add to our Que Pasa mailing list and when one of those people you recommend becomes a sponsor of a child, you have just found a way to have that kind of money donated to the children of ICC! It is as simple as that.

ICC is in real need of increasing the knowledge of our wonderful mission to more people who should hear about it. In actuality, our children's lives depend on it. We are searching out ways to increase our numbers on our mailing list. How do we do this and still keep costs down? Well, the answer is YOU! The greatest way that we have been able to accomplish this in the past has been through your word of mouth recommendations and assistance. Perhaps this is even how you came to the knowledge



of ICC and its mission! If so, then you know what a blessing it is to have been recommended to read this monthly update telling of how hope and love is now being given to the children through our ICC Family.

I am asking each one of you if you would be willing to participate in our "Share the Vision" program to please send us addresses of your family members, friends or people you know that should hear about the children of ICC. If each one of you would just send us two names and addresses, there could be so many more children in the near future that would come to know what hope and love truly mean in their young

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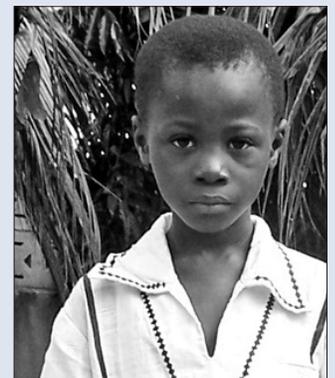
## PLEASE SPONSOR ME!

### My name is Enoch

I need a sponsor. I am 7 years old and live in Ghana. Please return this coupon to sponsor me each month. God bless you for helping me have a chance.

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# A Personal Note

Dear ICC Family,

I recall the early days of ICC's project for children in Romania. We had seen God miraculously open doors with the government to begin caring for social orphans – children whose parents simply left them at state run hospitals and never returned for them. With great eagerness we had set about the task of outfitting a receiving center in a rented home in the capital city of Bucharest. But where could we find all the supplies, equipment and furniture that would be needed? There wasn't a Wal-Mart or Babies-R-US and trying to locate the essential items proved quite challenging. However, over the course of time we were well equipped for what would become ICC's first children in Romania. We were even able to find adjustable beds that would suit the children as they grew taller. My wife, Jan, and I were like eager parents waiting for their first child to arrive.

In keeping with what we had prepared for, our first child was a little four year-old girl. However, the next child was a baby followed by, you guessed it, another baby. We soon realized that we were ill-prepared for what the government was preparing to send us – babies!

We hustled around trying to find cribs, and not just one crib, but seven! The Romanian shop owners must have thought these westerners were a bit crazy or prolific.

Soon the children's beds had been replaced by cribs and they began to fill up fast. What joy was ours to take in these littlest of children to be cared for by loving staff and supported by ICC donors. This was a dream come true for many within the ICC family.

In those beginning months of the receiving center there were many children who came to us and stayed for only a short time. For many of them, the ICC receiving center was just a temporary refuge on their way to permanent homes, either with their natural families or through adoption.

For one particular child, however, ICC became his permanent home. Cosmin \* came to us just before Christmas in 1997. I remember walking into his room and watching him. There in his crib he would sway back and forth, back and forth in what appeared to be an endless routine of rocking himself. I was told that this was a common symptom of children who had been abandoned in the hospital. They were often neglected and left to comfort themselves for hours on end. Considering that he was nearly two years old, I could only imagine the loneliness he had experienced in his short life. Without the loving arms of a mother to cuddle and hold him, Cosmin had learned to rock himself. How pitiful, I thought to myself, that he has never felt the security that comes from being lovingly held by a mom or dad. Will he always be like this?

It was a joy to see that, after several months of concerted efforts by our staff, Cosmin began to overcome his self-rocking. Oh the difference that is made in a child's life by consistent, loving care! In time, as the ICC program in Romania progressed to include a children's village, Cosmin was placed into one of the new homes where he could experience the benefits of growing up with brothers and sisters



[Original receiving center located in this home](#)



[Cosmin's home at the children's village](#)



and a mom and dad in a real family environment. ICC's model of care was designed for just such a child as Cosmin. Every child deserves a home and family, and for Cosmin, his ICC family has made a huge difference in his life.

[A willing helper with the household chores](#)

This past spring, Jan and I had the privilege of returning to Romania to visit the ICC children's village. It was exciting to see the growth and progress of the project. However, we were most excited to visit the homes of the children. As we stepped into one particular home a curly-haired boy approached Jan. It was Cosmin, a lean pre-teenager who was somewhat shy but had a winning smile. I glanced quickly at Jan. She studied this boy who was now growing into young manhood. Tears welled up in Jan's eyes as the impact of the moment settled upon her. What a difference could be seen in him since he first became an ICC child! And yet, what love and care are still needed as he weather's the storms of his teenage years on his way to becoming an adult. So many miles of his life are passed, and yet, so many miles lie ahead.

ICC has willingly taken up the mission of caring for orphaned and abandoned children. It is a challenging mission and one that to some people may not be as popular or "earthshaking" as some missions that abound in the world today. But certainly it is "earth-shaping" as we help to prepare the next generation of adults in countries where their contributions are much needed. And now, more than ever, children like Cosmin look to us to continue providing for their care. As such, we continue to seek your prayers and financial support. They make a difference in the lives of ICC children around the world. Thank-you for all you continue to do for "His Kids."

On behalf of the children,

*Kent L. Luce*  
Assistant to the President



["His Kids" in Romania](#)

*\* Name has been changed to protect privacy.*

## Share the Vision - continued

lives. Remember, you are sharing an amazing blessing with them in doing this.

You will find a special card enclosed in this edition of the Que Pasa that has space on it where you can "Share the Vision" of ICC by sending us addresses of those lives that you want to have blessed. When you finish filling out this special card, please put it in the enclosed ICC envelope and return it to us so we can start sending this wonderful message to others who can now have the opportunity to share in this wonderful blessing with you!

Thank you and God bless you!

Doug Congleton



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Martha Messenger  
Charlotte Miles  
Josey Saladino  
Vera Bliven & Ruth Wade  
George & Patricia Wagner  
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## **Gladys Heusser**

By Rae Anna Brown  
Norman & Beverly Hering  
Margaret "Peg" McKernon  
Albert & Gloria Oakes

## **Marjorie Holmes**

By the Holmes family

## **Howard Van Houten**

By Naomi Van Houten

## **Mabel Hudgins**

By Ardith Trubey

## **Alene Souza**

By Mary Jane Nevis

## **Amos Trubey**

By Ardith Trubey

## **Angeline Waring**

By Ernest Waring

## **Audrey Marie Joslin**

By Wayne & Wilma Johnson  
Ralph Joslin  
Virginia Tamachaski

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Don & Evelyn Wesslen

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By Leona Moon

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By David Kuebler  
Richard & Cherry Habenicht

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By Herb & Lela Franzman

## **Clarence(Jeff) Wilson**

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By Bill & Ruby Hohensee

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By Verna & Ken Hamilton

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By Winnifred Schneider

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By Harriett Bos

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By Cal & Ellen Ferguson

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